

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 519

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William J. McBrayer of Maryville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of William J. "Bill" McBrayer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McBrayer was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Everett High School, Mr. McBrayer attended Maryville College briefly before serving in the United States Army on active duty; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McBrayer returned to school after his military service, graduating from University of Tennessee in 1960 and becoming the first person in his family to earn such an achievement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McBrayer was an acclaimed relator, as well as a co-founder of Realty Mart; he was also a well-known and respected broker and property manager, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and clients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, his success in his field led him to serve as an officer and director of the Blount County Realtors Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McBrayer was a strong supporter of various sports, and his efforts to better his local community came through his fundraising for the Maryville High Athletic Boosters Club and the Blount County branch of the UT Boost-Her Club, as well as serving on the Maryville Little League Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McBrayer was an active and devout member of First Baptist Church of Maryville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McBrayer was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Bess Patty McBrayer, and was the proud father of three sons: W. Neal (Kelly), Brett (Laura), and Steve (Dara); he was also blessed with seven grandchildren: Haley, Cole, Elizabeth, Rebekah, James, John, and Luke; and

WHEREAS, William J. McBrayer leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of William J. "Bill" McBrayer, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of William J. McBrayer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.